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SUBJECT: Carter White Lead, Chicago, Illinois
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On June 21, 1991, Ecology and Environment Field Investigation Team (FIT) conducted an off-site reconnaissance of the above site. No evidence of hazardous waste was observed. Small piles of general household and construction refuse scattered throughout the site. According to FIT file information, the source of hazardous substances are materials located within and part of on-site buildings and contaminated soils surrounding these buildings. Abandoned buildings still remained on-site at the time of the off-site reconnaissance. Thus, a release of hazardous substances to the air is still a potential threat to human health. At least five cases of lead poisoning have been attributed to the site. Due to the possibility of hazardous materials posing a threat to nearby human population, FIT recommends that the Carter White Lead site have a medium priority designation for further investigatory action. The site should be secured to prevent access by the public. Examination and/or sampling of on-site building structures and possibly soils (on and off-site) should be performed to determine the threat and possible extent of a release of contaminants in the area.